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Dr. H. C. Burleigh,  
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Dear Dr. Burleigh,

You may recall many years ago, I approached you with regard to helping me search my family FRASER history as per the attached answer to my first letter to you away back in 1963. You very kindly took an interest in my request, but unfortunately after a time we discovered we were on the wrong track. Over the years I have managed to piece together quite a bit of family history and attach a copy for you if you happen to be interested.

The thought occurred to me that perhaps you may be approached by a Fraser requesting information which my writeup may be of some help.

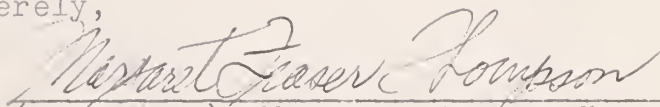
I was contacted by Dr. Simon B. Fraser, an M.D., of 224 Second St. E. Cornwall, Ontario, requesting me for the data I had compiled on my family. Apparently his Frasers had come directly from Scotland and had lived in Glengarry County along with at least seven other Fraser families who, as far as he could ascertain, were not related. I gave him the name of the book by R. J. Fraser and entitled AS OTHERS SEE US, published by The Beamsville Express, Beamsville, Ontario, and deals with the Frasers of Dundee, Que. who later moved to Glengarry County and the Ottawa Valley. I am sure you are aware of this book, but as you can see by my compilation these are not of my family. Dr. Fraser, I am certain, must have a connection with the Dundee Frasers.

As you see by my writeup that it was quite a revelation to me that the Frasers adopted the ancient form of the name and I am sure many people would certainly come to a dead end in their searches if this fact were not known.

Thank you once again for your past interest and do hope I am not being bothersome to you again, because like all Doctors I realize your time is limited.

All the best to you,

Sincerely,

  
(Mrs. W.B.) Margaret Fraser Thompson

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3 May, 1963.

Miss Margaret S. Fraser,  
Box 6090,  
Montreal 3, Quebec.

Dear Miss Fraser:

Your letter of 2nd inst. arrived this A. M. I hasten to reply, as I am learning, rather late in life, to strike while the iron is hot. Otherwise, your letter might get buried unanswered in a file, as many others have.

I have been an amateur genealogist for many years, and am particularly interested in our early families, mainly those of Loyalist descent. Among these are the several Fraser families of this region. In all, I have more than 800 family files, some large, some small.

The Daniel Fraser of whom you write was a Loyalist settler in Ernesttown Township. A record of his family shows that he was born near Philadelphia in 1735, and married in New York State in 1760, Sarah Conklin. They were living in Albany County, New York, when the Revolution began. He joined the Loyalist forces, and, as he was a mechanic (artificer) with a knowledge of guns (perhaps he had previous service) he was attached to Col. Baum's (German) Artillery. He died in Ernesttown in 1812.

Mrs. Fraser, the first wife, belonged to a prolific family settled in Albany County. She was mother of all his children, except George, a child of his second wife. Sarah Conklin Fraser died in March, 1791, aged 51 years less 10 days. In January, 1793, Fraser married Elizabeth Davis (nee Grant), widow.

Children by first wife:

Sarah, born in 1761; died young.  
John, born 6 July, 1762; died August, 1829; served in 53rd Reg't.  
Eather, born Dec., 1763; died 3 Feb., 1854.  
Rebecca, born in 1766; died in 1784.  
Margaret, born 25 Aug., 1767; died 5 July, 1847.  
Andrew, born 7 Aug., 1769; died 30 March, 1855.  
Abraham, born 16 Feb., 1771; died 10 April, 1841.  
Daniel, born 22 Oct., 1772; died 10 Dec., 1847.  
Hannah, born 28 Sept., 1774; died 20 April, 1862.  
Isaac, born 19 Sept., 1779; died 2 July, 1858.  
Jacob, born 27 June, 1782; died June, 1854.

Child by second wife:

George, born 19 Dec., 1794; died 25 Nov., 1871.

This family did not have any residence in Michigan, unless it was in younger generations. In fact, Michigan, except for Detroit, was not settled until years after 1784.

I have a list of the children of Isaac and his wife, Hannah Staring, and there was no Joseph so recorded.

I have an extensive file on this Fraser Family. You are welcome to look it over if you should ever come this way.

I trust that this letter answers your queries.

Sincerely, H. C. Burleigh

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Daniel Fraser  
Commissioners for Detecting  
and Defeating Conspiracy

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